COGNOS 7.5 Installation

From the MMRS website, http://www.dfa.ms.gov/dfa-offices/mmrs/mmrs-software-licenses-downloads-application-security/, click on MERLIN – Cognos Software Downloads, and then on the Cognos 7.5 Software link.

Save the zip file to a location on your local hard drive you have write access.

After the download is complete, navigate to the folder where you saved the zip file download, and double click the file Cognos 7.5 User to unzip the files. Select a folder to store these extracted installation files.

From the folder you extracted the files to, click on the Cognos 7.5 User folder to open it.

Double click Setup.

Click Install IBM Cognos Impromptu User.

Click Next.

Select I Agree, and click Next.

Remove any content in the Name field.

Add your agency name in the Company field.

Click Next.

Leave Default selected, and click Next.

Leave the default language selection selected, and click Next.

Leave the default installation locations selections selected, and click Next.

Leave the Shortcut Folder information and everything else on this page as is, and click Next.

Click Next on the Installation Summary page.

On the Component Configuration page click the Exit the Installation Wizard without configuring components option, and click Next.

Click Finish.

Windows Explorer window should be open, where you can double click on IBM COgnos Impromptu, which will run the application.

Clean up:

- You may decide to place an icon for IBM Cognos Impromptu on your desktop. It doesn't create a shortcut on it's own. Otherwise you'll need to click Start, All Programs, and then scroll to IBM Cognos to run the application.
- Copy the MERLIN folder which was extracted during the unzipping of the Cognos download to c:\program files\Cognos\Cer6 so that a handful of templates can be placed in the proper folders.

Configuration Manager - Configuring your client:

- Click Start, All Programs, IBM Cognos Series 7 Version 5, and click on Tools, and Configuration Manager.
- Click Close on the Configuration Manager window.
- Click on the Open Current icon on the pull down menu – the white computer icon under the word File.
- Highlight the computer name in the left panel, and click on Apply Selection (the green circle).
- Click Yes in the Configuration Manager window.
- Ignore the warning message – click Ok.
- Close the Configuration Manager window.

Run IBM Cognos Impromptu.

Click on Tools from the pull down menu, and then Options. Click on the File Locations tab. This is the file location section, and can be changed to match your environment needs. Specifically, changing the data directory, and log file location (the last two entries) may be necessary depending upon where you store data (network drive which gets backed up, versus local machine folder which doesn't, for example).